

## Committee on Homeland Security Democrats Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member

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## THOMPSON ON NEGROPONTE NOMINATION: INTELLIGENCE VITAL FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

**Washington, DC**—Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Committee, issued the following statement on the President's nomination of John Negroponte as the first Director of National Intelligence.

"Ambassador Negroponte's nomination as the first-ever Director of National Intelligence comes at a time when homeland security information is not being shared effectively among federal, state, and local officials. The Director of National Intelligence must work to break down barriers and ensure that all agencies freely share intelligence vital to the security of our country. I look forward to working with Ambassador Negroponte to ensure this happens. The Administration must get homeland security right to protect America."

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